

The 'Better Decision Making' tool has been designed to help you consider the impact of your proposal on the health and wellbeing of communities, the environment, and local economy. It draws upon the priorities set out in our Council Plan and will help us to provide inclusive and discrimination-free services by considering the equalities and human rights implications of the decisions we make. The purpose of this tool is to avoid decisions being made in isolation, and to encourage evidence-based decision making that carefully balances social, economic and environmental factors, helping us to become a more responsive and resilient organisation.

The Better Decision Making tool should be used when proposing new projects, services, policies or strategies, or significant amendments to them. The tool should be completed at the earliest opportunity, ideally when you are just beginning to develop a proposal. However, it can be completed at any stage of the decision-making process. If the tool is completed just prior to the Executive, it can still help to guide future courses of action as the proposal is implemented.

The Better Decision Making tool must be attached as an annex to Executive reports. A brief summary of your findings should be reported in the One Planet Council / Equalities section of the report itself.

Guidance to help you complete the assessment can be obtained by hovering over the relevant question.

Please complete all fields. If you wish to enter multiple paragraphs in any of the boxes, hold down 'Alt' before hitting 'Enter'.

Introduction

Service submitting the proposal:	Planning and Public Protection
Name of person completing the assessment:	John Roberts
Job title:	Strategic Planning Policy Officer
Directorate:	Economy and Place
Date Completed:	16/02/2022
Date Approved (form to be checked by head of service):	

Section 1: What is the proposal?

1.1	<p>Name of the service, project, programme, policy or strategy being assessed?</p> <p>On 4/2/22, the Inspector for the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan submitted her Report on the document, proposing that with a number of recommended modifications, it should proceed to adoption. The document has been jointly produced by North Yorkshire County Council, City of York Council, and the North York Moors National Park Authority.</p>
1.2	<p>What are the main aims of the proposal?</p> <p>That members recommend adoption of the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan, and publication of the Plan and supporting documentation, to meet the statutory requirements of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>
1.3	<p>What are the key outcomes?</p> <p>To progress the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan to adoption. Once adopted, the Plan will set the key land use planning considerations and land use policies involving minerals and waste, across York & North Yorkshire.</p>

Section 2: Evidence

2.1	<p>What data / evidence is available to support the proposal and understand its likely impact? (e.g. hate crime figures, obesity levels, recycling statistics)</p> <p>The production of the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan has taken place over many years, resulting in the Inspector submitting a report concluding that with the inclusion of Main Modifications as suggested, the Plan is 'sound'. In order to reach this conclusion, the Plan has been produced taking into account multiple levels of data and evidence, produced by the three partner authorities and 3rd parties, as outlined in the background to the Plan.</p>
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2.2	<p>What public / stakeholder consultation has been undertaken and what were the findings?</p> <p>The Plan has been subject to a number of full consultations prior to submission for Examination, including Reg 18 Consultation (May-June 2013); issue & Options Consultation (Feb-April 2014); Supplementary Sites Consultation (Jan-March 2015); Preferred Options Consultation (Nov 2015-Jan 2016); Reg 19 Consultation (Nov-Dec 2106); Addendum of Proposed Changes to Publication Draft (July-Sept 2017); Main Modifications Consultation (July-Sept 2021).</p>
2.3	<p>Are there any other initiatives that may produce a combined impact with this proposal? (e.g. will the same individuals / communities of identity also be impacted by a different project or policy?)</p> <p>The Minerals & Waste Joint Plan has been developed to replace existing Minerals & Waste planning policies across York & North Yorkshire. Land owners and interested parties have been involved in the preparation of the Plan - they may also be consulted on with respect to other land use policies contained within emerging Local Plans, Neighbourhood Plans and other planning documents across York & North Yorkshire.</p>

Section 3: Impact on One Planet principles

Please summarise any potential positive and negative impacts that may arise from your proposal on residents or staff.
This section relates to the impact of your proposal on the ten One Planet principles.

For 'Impact', please select from the options in the drop-down menu.
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Equity and Local Economy

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.1	Impact positively on the business community in York?	Positive	The Plan will assist in seeking to strengthen businesses in the minerals and waste sectors (and secondary sectors) by providing land use planning policies and guiding such developments in the most appropriate areas.
3.2	Provide additional employment or training opportunities in the city?	Neutral	There may be some opportunities provided for additional employment and training within the CYC area within the waste and minerals sectors, and secondary / supporting employment sectors.
3.3	Help improve the lives of individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds or underrepresented groups?	Neutral	No specific provision made for this

Health & Happiness

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.4	Improve the physical health or emotional wellbeing of residents or staff?	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly influence physical health or emotional wellbeing.
3.5	Help reduce health inequalities?	Neutral	it is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly influence the reduction of health inequalities.
3.6	Encourage residents to be more responsible for their own health?	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly encourage residents to be more responsible for their own health.
3.7	Reduce crime or fear of crime?	Neutral	it is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly influence the reduction in crime or fear of crime.
3.8	Help to give children and young people a good start in life?	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly influence helping to give children and young people a good start in life.

Culture & Community

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.9	Help bring communities together?	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly influence bringing communities together.
3.10	Improve access to services for residents, especially those most in need?	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly improve access to services for residents.
3.11	Improve the cultural offerings of York?	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly improve the cultural offerings in York.
3.12	Encourage residents to be more socially responsible?	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly encourage residents to be more socially responsible.

Zero Carbon and Sustainable Water

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.13	Minimise the amount of energy we use and / or reduce the amount of energy we pay for? E.g. through the use of low or zero carbon sources of energy?	Neutral	The increased use of recycling and more efficient ways of managing residual municipal waste and the extraction of energy from waste is likely to have a positive impact on minimising the amount of energy we use & pay for.
3.14	Minimise the amount of water we use and/or reduce the amount of water we pay for?	Neutral	Due to the lack of existing minerals sites within the City of York area, it is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will significantly influence minimising the amount of water we use or reduce the amount we pay for.

Zero Waste

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.15	Reduce waste and the amount of money we pay to dispose of waste by maximising reuse and/or recycling of materials?	Neutral	The promotion of sustainable waste management, through multiple criteria, as outlined in the Plan, will help maximise the efficiency of managing waste.

Sustainable Transport

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.16	Encourage the use of sustainable transport, such as walking, cycling, ultra low emission vehicles and public transport?	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly encourage the use of sustainable transport, such as walking, cycling, ultra low emission vehicles and public transport.
3.17	Help improve the quality of the air we breathe?	Neutral	There are policies (eg. D14 Air Quality) which aim to mitigate any unacceptable impacts on air quality and Air Quality Management Areas, from minerals and waste developments.

Sustainable Materials

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.18	Minimise the environmental impact of the goods and services used?	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly influence the environmental impact of the goods and services used.

Local and Sustainable Food

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.19	Maximise opportunities to support local and sustainable food initiatives?	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly influence the maximisation of opportunities to support local and sustainable food initiatives.

Land Use and Wildlife

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.20	Maximise opportunities to conserve or enhance the natural environment?	Neutral	There are policies which aim mitigate any harm created by minerals & waste and protect the natural environment (eg. policies D05 (Minerals & Waste development in the Green Belt), D06 (Landscape), D07 (Biodiversity & Geodiversity)).
3.21	Improve the quality of the built environment?	Neutral	The majority of minerals and waste developments will be outside main urban centres, however there are policies which aim to protect local amenity (eg. D02) and the historic environment (eg. D08).
3.22	Preserve the character and setting of the historic city of York?	Neutral	Whilst there are no existing minerals sites in York, there a number of waste sites - through policies, in the Plan, there are a number of criteria aimed at helping to preserve the historic character and setting of York (eg. D05: Minerals and Waste Development in the Green Belt)
3.23	Enable residents to enjoy public spaces?	Neutral	There are policies which attempt to protect local amenity inc public open spaces (eg. D02 Local Amenity and Cumulative Impacts) in relation to minerals & waste developments.

3.40	Additional space to comment on the impacts		

Section 4: Impact on Equalities and Human Rights

Please summarise any potential positive and negative impacts that may arise from your proposal on staff or residents. This section relates to the impact of your proposal on **advancing equalities and human rights** and should build on the impacts you identified in the previous section.

For 'Impact', please select from the options in the drop-down menu.
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Equalities

Will the proposal **adversely impact** upon 'communities of identity'?
 Will it **help advance equality** or **foster good relations** between people in 'communities of identity'?

		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
4.1	Age	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on age
4.2	Disability	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on disabilities
4.3	Gender	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on gender
4.4	Gender Reassignment	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on gender reassignment
4.5	Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on marriage and civil partnerships
4.6	Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on pregnancy & maternity
4.7	Race	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on race
4.8	Religion or belief	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on religion or belief
4.9	Sexual orientation	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on sexual orientation
4.10	Carer	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on carers
4.11	Lowest income groups	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on lowest income groups

4.12	Veterans, Armed forces community	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on veterans and the Armed Forces community
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Human Rights
Consider how a human rights approach is evident in the proposal

		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
4.13	Right to education	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on the right to education
4.14	Right not to be subjected to torture, degrading treatment or punishment	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on the right not to be subject to torture, degrading treatment or punishment
4.15	Right to a fair and public hearing	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on the right to a fair and public hearing
4.16	Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on the right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence
4.17	Freedom of expression	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on the right to freedom of expression
4.18	Right not to be subject to discrimination	Neutral	It is not anticipated that the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan will directly impact on the right not to be subject to discrimination
4.19	Other Rights		

4.20	Additional space to comment on the impacts



Part 1

Section 5: Developing Understanding

Based on the information you have just identified, please consider how the impacts of your proposal could be improved upon, in order to balance social, environmental, economic, and equalities concerns, and minimise any negative implications.

It is not expected that you will have all of the answers at this point, but the responses you give here should form the basis of further investigation and encourage you to make changes to your proposal. Such changes are to be reported in the final section.

5.1	Taking into consideration your responses about <u>all of the impacts</u> of the project in its <u>current form</u>, what would you consider the overall impact to be on creating a fair, healthy, sustainable and resilient city?
	The Joint Plan has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment, and has been examined by the Inspector. No negative equality implications are forecast to arise.

5.2	What could be changed to improve the impact of the proposal on the <u>One Planet principles</u>? (please consider the questions you marked either mixed or negative, as well as any additional positive impacts that may be achievable)
	No improvements considered necessary.

5.3	What could be changed to improve the impact of the proposal on <u>equalities and human rights</u>? (please consider the questions you marked either mixed or negative, as well as any additional positive impacts that may be achievable)
	No mixed or negative impacts on equality and human rights are considered likely.

Section 6: Planning for Improvement

6.1	What further evidence or consultation is needed to fully understand its impact? (e.g. consultation with specific communities of identity, additional data)
	The public and interested parties have been widely consulted on the content of the Plan, throughout all stages of its production. This is the final stage of its production, although there will be a 6 week period for a High Court challenge following adoption of the Plan, on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate power of the local planning authority and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

6.2	What are the outstanding actions needed to maximise benefits or minimise negative impacts in relation to this proposal? Please include the action, the person(s) responsible and the date it will be completed (expand / insert more rows if needed)
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Action	Person(s)	Due date

	Additional space to comment on the impacts
6.3	

Section 1: Improvements

Part 2 builds on the impacts you identified in Part 1. Please detail how you have used this information to make improvements to your final proposal.

Please note that your response to question 1.4 in this section must be reported in the One Planet Council implications section of reports going to the Executive.

1.1	<p>For the areas in the 'One Planet' and 'Equalities' sections, where you were unsure of the potential impact, what have you done to clarify your understanding?</p> <p>Potential impacts are considered to be positive and in line with national and local planning policy and as such no further work has been undertaken to clarify understanding.</p>
1.2	<p>What changes have you made to your proposal to increase positive impacts?</p> <p>No changes considered necessary.</p>
1.3	<p>What changes have you made to your proposal to reduce negative impacts?</p> <p>No negative impacts anticipated.</p>
1.4	<p>Taking into consideration everything you know about the proposal <u>in its revised form</u>, what would you consider the overall impact to be on creating a fair, healthy, sustainable and resilient city?</p> <p>Your response to this question must be input under the One Planet Council implications section of the Executive report. Please feel free to supplement this with any additional information gathered in the tool.</p> <p>The Joint Plan has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment, and has been examined by the Inspector. No negative equality implications are forecast to arise.</p>
1.5	<p>Any further comments?</p>